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INFORMATION ABOUT A DISPENSED FLUID, SUCH AS  
USING OPTICAL FIBER TO OBTAIN DIAGNOSTIC  
INFORMATION ABOUT A FLUID AT A PRINTHEAD  
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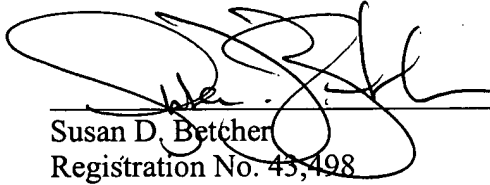
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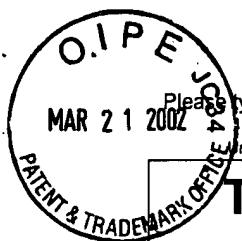
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